

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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GA DOT SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Tennille, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation invites the public to open houses to discuss the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. These projects include, but are not limited to, new construction, improvements, and maintenance for interstates and state routes, and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian project, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

The Department will conduct two East Georgia open house meetings:

Monday, September 14, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Dublin Mall, and

Tuesday, September 15, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Milledgeville Mall.

Attendees will be able to view the Draft FY 10-13 STIP, maps of projects in the local area, discuss projects with Georgia DOT staff, and submit comments on individual projects. All interested parties are encouraged to participate.

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Baldwin, Bleckley, Burke, Columbia, Dodge, Emanuel, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Lincoln, McDuffie, Morgan, Newton, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Screven, Taliaferro, Treutlen, Warren, Washington, Wilkes, and Wilkinson Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

The Draft FY 10-13 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com.

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